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SUBJECT: IRAQ INAUGURATES MAJOR BRIDGE ACROSS SHATT AL-ARAB
RIVER AT BASRAH

1. BAGHDAD PRESS, AUGUST 2, REPORTS THAT GOI MINISTER OF
HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION, TAHA YASIN RAMADHAN (AL-JAZRAWI),
INAUGURATED A NEW BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHATT AL-ARAB RIVER AT
BASHRA. THE BRIDGE WAS BUILT BY MITSUI OF
JAPAN AT A COST OF 25 MILLION DOLLARS TO REPLACE
AN OLD WOODEN BRIDGE BUILT DURING WWII. THE BRIDGE IS
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REPORTED TO BE 761 METERS LONG, 21 METERS WIDE, AND CONTAINS
A CENTER SWING SPAN TO PERMIT SHIP PASSAGE.

2. OPENING OF THE SHATT AL-ARAB BRIDGE CREATES A
POTENTIALLY MAJOR LAND SHIPPING ROUTE LINKING KHORRAMSHAHR
WITH BASRAH AND THE GULF STATES. IF MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY
TRANSIT AGREEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT, SMALL SHIP AND DHOW

TRAFFIC ACROSS THE UPPER REACHES OF THE PERSIAN GULF IS
LIKELY TO DECREASE AS SHIPPERS SWITCH CARGO TO THE NEW
LAND ROUTE.
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